GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Forest Department - Allegation of Corruption against Smt. Maradabudi Ramanamma, Forest Beat Officer, Borra Beat, O/o Ananthagiri Section & Range, Visakhapatnam Division, Visakhapatnam District - Sanction of Prosecution under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC. IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 24 **Dated: 03-07-2019**

ORDER:

Whereas, Smt. Maradabudi Ramanamma, W/o Eswara Rao, Worked as Forest Beat Officer, Borra Beat, O/o Ananthagiri Section & Range, Visakhapatnam Division, Visakhapatnam District from 02.03.2009 to 04.04.2013 and by virtue of the post held by her, she falls under the category of Public Servant as defined under clause (c) of section 2 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988);

2. And whereas, Sri Korra Appanna S/o Pandu, Age: 28 years, R/o Eguva Mamidi Village, Borra Panchayath, Ananthagiri Mandal, Visakhapatnam District, lodged a written report with Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam on 03.04.2013 at 9.30 A.M stating that he is living in Borra Panchayath by eking out his livelihood as mason. He was entrusted with contract to construct one additional classroom in the existing elementary school of Borra RS Besaiguda Village about one year prior to his report, under ITDA Tribal welfare works. One month prior to his report to Anti-Corruption Bureau officials Korra Appanna collected wooden poles, which were used in earlier works, for laying a slab to the additional class room. About 25 days prior to his report, Smt. M Ramanamma, Borra Beat officer, Ananthagiri Forest Section came to the School where construction work was going on and after seeing the wooden poles, she informed Korra Appanna that the wooden poles were brought from the forest and threatened that she will book case against him. Even though Korra Appanna informed that the said decking poles belong to him, which were used in earlier slab works, but she did not listen to him. Therefore Korra Appanna got laid the slab. On 25.03.2013, when Sri Korra Appanna was at the Elementary School, Smt. M.Ramanamma again came there and threatened him by saying that she will book cases against him. When Sri Korra Appanna requested Smt. M.Ramanamma not to book case against him, she demanded him to pay Rs. 3,000/- as bribe for not booking cases against him. Sri Korra Appanna expressed his inability to pay the demand bribe and requested to reduce the same, at last she asked him to pay Rs. 1,800/- as bribe. Sri Korra Appanna agreed to pay the bribe after procuring the amount. On 02-04-2013, Smt. M.Ramanamma again came to the construction place and asked Sri Korra Appanna to pay the demanded bribe amount and then Sri Korra Appanna informed that he will pay within two days. Then Smt. M.Ramanamma directed Sri Korra Appanna to pay the bribe amount at Borra Getuvalasa near Hanuman Temple on the morning of 04.04.2013. Sri Korra Appanna unwillingly agreed to pay the bribe to Smt. M.Ramanamma. As such, Sri Korra Appanna came to ACB

office, Visakhapatnam and gave a report to Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam against Smt. M.Ramanamma for taking necessary action;

3. And whereas, after due verification of the report, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam Range, registered the report as case in Cr.No.07/RCT-ACB/VSP/2013 under section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 of Anti-Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam at 09.30 A.M. on 04.04.2013 and look up investigation;

4. And whereas, on 04.04.2013 at about 01.30 P.M., Smt. M.Ramanamma, Forest Beat Officer caught red-handed when she further demanded and accepted a bribe amount of Rs. 1,800/- from Sri Korra Appanna. The Deputy Superintendent of Police recovered the tainted currency of Rs. 1,800/- from left side upper shirt pocket of Smt. M.Ramanamma at her instance, in the presence of mediators. The serial numbers of tainted amount when calculated with that of the serial numbers of the currency mentioned in pre-trap proceedings they found tallied. Both hand fingers and inner linings of front left side shirt pocket of Smt. M. Ramanamma, which came into contact with tainted currency, when subjected to chemical test, yielded positive results. The bribe amount of Rs. 1,800/- connected records and material objects pertaining to this case were seized by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, in the presence of mediators under cover of proceedings;

5. And whereas, the aforesaid acts of Smt. Maradabudi Ramanamma, W/o Eswara Rao, Worked as Forest Beat Officer, Borra Beat, O/o Ananthagiri Section & Range, Visakhapatnam Division, Visakhapatnam District constitute offences under sections 7, 13(2) read with section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988);

6. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, being the competent authority to remove the said Smt. Maradabudi Ramanamma, W/o Eswara Rao, Worked as Forest Beat Officer, Borra Beat, O/o Ananthagiri Section & Range, Visakhapatnam Division, Visakhapatnam District from Government service after fully and carefully examining the material viz., copy of FIR, Mediators report I and II, Final Report, copies of statements of witnesses, copies of documents and mediators report and other material placed before them in respect of the said allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case consider that Smt. Maradabudi Ramanamma, W/o Eswara Rao, Worked as Forest Beat Officer, Borra Beat, O/o Ananthagiri Section & Range, Visakhapatnam Division, Visakhapatnam District should be prosecuted in the court of law for the aforesaid offences.

7. Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of the sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988) the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction to prosecute Smt. Maradabudi Ramanamma, W/o Eswara Rao, Worked as Forest Beat Officer, Borra Beat, O/o Ananthagiri Section & Range, Visakhapatnam Division, Visakhapatnam District for the aforesaid offences punishable under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 13 read with clause (d) of sub-section

(1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by the court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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